

Lesson Three — Part One

Praising God In Song Is Pleasing To Jesus

Scripture: Acts 16:16-25; Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16.

Lesson Aim: To learn that Paul and Silas taught others about God when they sang songs of praises to God. To know even little children please Jesus when they sing songs to God.

Bible Words: Do that which is good (Romans 13:3).

Pre-Class: Pass out the pictures-to-color for **Lesson Three** as the children arrive. Have a completed picture ready to show them as an example of the colors they can use.

Tell them the children in the picture are singing praises to God. Ask them if they know any songs they could sing to God. Allow them to sing the songs they know.

Our Bible lesson today is about two men who sang songs of praises to God. You will also make a book about singing to take home with you.

Attendance And Welcome: Continue with the same routine as before. As the children come forward, encourage all of them to help you sing **The Welcome Song**.

Bible Lesson: For this lesson you will need the cut-out figures of Paul and Silas, marked **Lesson Three**, from the Visual Aid Packet. To make the figures stand up better, strengthen them with poster board or cardboard rolls.

After the children are seated and quiet, softly sing **Jesus Loves Me** to them. If they know the song, they will probably sing along with you.

I like that song. I am so glad you helped me sing it. Did you know God was listening to us as we sang? He was. When we sing songs to God, He always hears us.

Show the Paul and Silas figures. *Here are two men who sang songs to God. This one is Paul and this one is Silas. Can you help me say their names? Paul and Silas were good men. They loved Jesus and they loved God. Once they were in a town called Ephesus. Paul and Silas taught the people about Jesus because they wanted everyone to love Jesus. Some of the men in Ephesus did not love*

Jesus like Paul and Silas did. Those men got angry and upset because Paul and Silas were teaching others about Jesus. The men told lies about Paul and Silas and put them in jail so they could not teach about Jesus.

While Paul and Silas were in jail, they were not afraid. They did not cry. Do you know what Paul and Silas did while they were in jail? They sang songs to God.

God was listening when Paul and Silas sang. God heard them singing to Him. God loved Paul and Silas and He helped them get out of jail.

Singing to God made Paul and Silas feel good instead of afraid. Do you like to sing? I do, too. Come with me and we will sing some more songs to God.

Have the children assemble at the area you have set up for singing.

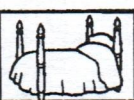
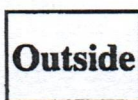
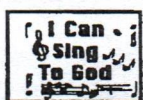
Songs: You will need song charts for the songs used in **Lessons One and Two** and **Praise Him, Praise Him**. (Words to **Praise Him, Praise Him** are probably in the hymnal your congregation uses each week.) **Sing Praises To God** can also be used for this lesson.

Sing the songs from the previous lessons first, then the new one. Following **The Prayer Song**, say a prayer to God, thanking Him for hearing you when you sing.

Application Lesson: Today the children will make a book showing places where they can sing to God. You will need pictures of outside scenes, a swing set, a bed, a church building, a car, and a man and a woman. You will also need construction paper or any other colored paper and glue. If you cannot find the pictures suggested, substitute others. For example, if you cannot find enough pictures of beds, use pictures of stars and the moon. A picture of a ball or any toy could be used instead of a swing set. Pictures can be found in storybooks, magazines, old Bible class visuals and catalogs. (Patterns for the pictures are in the visual, if you wish to copy them.)

You will need two sheets of paper for each child. Before class cut the paper in fourths and staple the pieces together. This will give you a front page (cover) and a back page with six sheets in between. On the front page write **I Can Sing To God** and draw some musical notes on it.

Give each child a booklet you have put together, and pictures you have chosen for the books. On one page help them glue the outdoor scene. On the page facing the picture write: **I can sing to God when I am outside.*** On another page glue a picture of the swing set and write: **I can sing to God when I am playing.** Then glue on the picture of the bed. Write: **I can sing to God every night.** Glue on the picture of the church building. Write: **I can sing to God when I am in Bible class.** Opposite the picture of the car, write: **I can sing to God in the car.** With the picture of the man and woman, write: **I can help Mom and Dad sing about God.** (See illustration for how to make the book.)



Take-Home: Since the children just finished working on their song books, play a game or do some other type of activity that will allow them to get up out of their chairs for awhile.

After everyone has had a chance to stretch a little, return to the table and complete the workbook take-home sheets for **Lesson Three**. The picture shows two boys playing nicely together. The children will stick the car on between the boys' hands. Discuss how the boys are pleasing Jesus when they play well together.

Note: If time does not permit you to do both the **Application Lesson** and **Take-Home**, just do the **Application Lesson** which teaches the children about singing, which is today's lesson aim.

Bible Lesson Review: You will need your completed Picture-To-Color for **Lesson Three**. Show the picture and talk about how God hears the children when they sing to Him. Get them to help you sing **Praise Him, Praise Him**. Say the Bible words.

Put the picture on the review board and, if time allows, review the pictures from the other lessons.

Closing: Return all work papers and personal belongings to the children. Let them know you love them and you will be looking for them the next time. Say a prayer, thanking God for the boys and girls who helped you sing beautiful songs to Him.

*To save time, the words for each page could be written before class.

Other Ideas:

1. Bring enough hymnals to class so each child can have one. Teach them how to gently turn the pages. Tell them the books are to be used during worship services and should not be colored in or written in by anyone. Turn to the correct page and sing ***Jesus Loves Me***.
2. Check your local Christian bookstore for little song books you could purchase to give to each child. Encourage them and their parents to sing the songs together at home.
3. Say the following action poem:

God gave me a mouth,
(Point to mouth.)

And a voice to sing.

Songs of praise to God
(Hold hands up and look up toward heaven.)

I will bring.
(Bring hands down, point to self.)